



December 19, 2018

Mr. Scott Logan
Social Security Administration
Office of Income Security Programs, Keys Section
2518 Robert M. Ball Building
6401 Security Boulevard
Baltimore, Maryland 21235

Dear Mr. Logan:

Thank you for your letter of October 1, 2018, reminding this agency of the requirement to certify annually Texas' compliance with section 1616(e) of the Social Security Act, otherwise known as the Keys Amendment. The information included in this letter relative to Keys Amendment requirements applies to the 2019 federal fiscal year.

On behalf of the State of Texas, The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) hereby certifies Texas' compliance with section 1616(e) of the Social Security Act. The State of Texas complies with Keys Amendment requirements through the combined efforts of the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS), and HHSC. The Texas Department of Aging & Disability Services (DADS) no longer exists and all prior functions of that agency have now moved to HHSC, along with regulatory functions from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS).

DFPS and HHSC standards, waiver provisions, and enforcement procedures are outlined in the Texas Administrative Code, Titles 25 and 40; a number of provisions related to HHSC standards are also in the process of being migrated to Texas Administrative Code Title 26. More information about the standards and how to obtain information about violations of standards can be found in these state agencies' websites at:

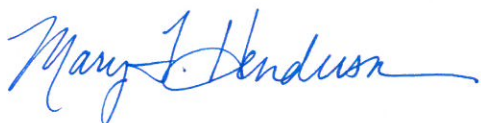
- HHSC: <http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us>
- DFPS: <http://www.dfps.state.tx.us>

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information. Stephanie Allred, Licensing and Credentialing Director in our Long-Term Care Regulatory Services Division, serves as the lead staff on this matter and can be reached by phone at (512) 438-3097 or by email at stephanie.allred@hhsc.state.tx.us.

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I am retiring from Texas HHSC at the end of this month, so please refer future correspondence related to this annual certification to my boss, David Kostroun, Deputy Executive Commissioner, Regulatory Services Division, Texas HHSC, at this same address, who can also be reached by email at david.kostroun@hhsc.state.tx.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mary T. Henderson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Mary T. Henderson
Associate Commissioner, Long Term Care Regulatory Services